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FM AMEMBASSY YAOUNDE

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SUBJECT: EQUATORIAL GUINEA; COMMUNIST ACTIVITY

1. INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATIONS OCT 11-12 IN BATA GAVE OPPORTUN-
ITY AMCONSUL DOUALA OBSERVE COMMUNIST-SUPPLIED EQUIPMENT AND
COMPARE NOTES WITH OTHER OBSERVERS ON COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES.

2. MAIN PIECES OF HARDWARE INCLUDED TWO SMALL SOVIET-SUPPLIED
TORPEDO BOATS, ONE JUST DELIVERED, MOORED BATA HARBOR. BELIEVE
THEY MAY BE OF "P" CLASS, BUT DO NOT FIT ANY JANES ILLUSTRAT-
IONS. PRESIDENT MACIAS HAS KANOV KA-26 "HOODLUM" HELICOPTER
STATIONED BATA AIRPORT AND BERIEV BC 30 "GUFF" TRANSPORT AT
MALABO. UNKNOWN IF THESE ITEMS GIFT OR BARTER FOR COCOA.
FORMER CHINESE DCM REPORTED LAST YEAR THAT RUSSIANS SELLING,
NOT GIVING MILITARY EQUIPMENT. APP 700 MILITARY PASSED IN
REVIEW.

3. BATA PARADE OCT 12 INCLUDED 4 FOUR-WHEELED FERRET-TYPE
VEHICLES, 5 EIGHT-WHEELED APC'S, FOUR NEW CAX 69 JEEPS AND TWO
TOWED 105-TYPE ARTILLERY PIECES. NUMBER OF LANDROVERS HAD
MORTARS (7) AND RADIOS (THREE), BUT GOEG HAD 12 SHORT BASE
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AND 7 LONG BASE RIGHT HAND DRIVE LANDROVERS THAT HAD NOT YET

BEEN GIVEN LICENSE PLATES. COMMENT: MALABO PARADE LAST YEAR HAD SEVEN FOUR WHEEL AND THREE EIGHT WHEEL FERRET-APC'S. EQUIPMENT COULD HAVE BEEN TRANSPORTED ON PRESIDENT'S BOAT (THEN IN BATA HARBOR) OR MIGHT BE PART SEPARATE DETACHMENT.

4. UNKNOWN RUSSIAN CARGO VESSEL AND POLISH GDYNIA II WERE IN BATA HARBOR. RUSSIAN SHIP HAD 30-40 FLATBED TRAILERS AS DECK CARGO. RUSSIAN SHIP REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN UNLOADING TRUCKS. GDYNIA II ONLY LOADED WOOD BOUND FOR AMSTERDAM.

5. BATA HARBOR FACILITIES NOW CONTAIN TWO LARGE HANGER-TYPE, CLOSED STORAGE SHEDS APP 300 BY 50 BY 25 HIGH. THIRD SHED BEING BUILT. (ACCORDING FRENCH SOURCE NO STORAGE FACILITIES EXIST IN LUBA, ALTHOUGH RUSSINAS HAVE SHORE FACILITIES ACCOMMODATE 100-150 PERSONNEL.)

6. DIETRICH WENDLANDT, GDR CHARGE SAID HIS COUNTRY GIVING TWO AGRICULTURAL SCHOLARSHIPS PER YEAR GOEG. FIVE YEAR PROGRAM HAS TEN STUDENTS WITH FIRST EXPECTED RETURN NEXT YEAR.

7. SPANCUH CONSUL SAID CHINESE ON MAINLAND ARE ENGAGED IN ROAD BUILDING, CONSTRUCTION RADIO FACILITY, AND HOSPITAL STAFFING. SHE UNAWARE ANY OTHER PROGRAMS.

8. RUSSIAN AMBASSADOR ARKADI KAZANSKI MADE FAREWELL CALLS PREPARATRY RETURNING MOSCOW. HE REPORTEDLY LEFT ON AEROFLOT FLIGHT ON 19TH. HIS SUCCESSOR FORMER AMBASSADOR TO MAURITANIS. SPIRO

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